

# THE BEST PARTY EVER!

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## HOW THIS BOOK CAN BE USED

Appreciation is a learning disposition that prepares children for lifelong learning.

Children with a sense of appreciation recognise that everyone has unique qualities. They **respect everyone, value what others say**, and **learn from all**. Towards the end of the story, the main character, Bruno, showed appreciation when he realised that the other cats had valuable ideas from which he could learn. The other cats, in turn, valued Bruno's contribution of his voice. By putting all their ideas together and working as a team, the cats threw the best party ever.

You may want to read the story a few times to the children. The story can be used to guide children through the process of recognising and valuing the learning disposition of appreciation. Here are some suggestions:

## To Help Children Recognise And Value The Learning Disposition Of Appreciation

Ask:

- *Bruno did not like his friends' ideas at first and planned his own party. What was his party like compared to their party? Why were the two parties different?*
- *Why do you think Bruno was sorry? What had he learned from the other cats?*
- *Bruno's friends invited him to their party and showed that they valued his idea. How can you tell? Why do you think the cats had the best party ever?*

For more information on how to nurture learning dispositions, you may refer to the "Nurturing Learning Dispositions" curriculum resource published by MOE in 2010.



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There were once four cats  
that lived in Tiong Bahru.







**One day, the cats found a kitten.  
Everyone loved her. They named her "Kitty".**

**"Let's have a party to welcome Kitty,"  
said the dark brown cat named Bruno.**





**“Shall I bring ikan bilis?” asked Socks.  
“Shall I bring balloons?” asked Susu.**

**“Shall I bring some string to tie up  
the balloons?” asked Patches.**





**“Such great ideas!” mewed the cats.  
But one cat was unhappy.**



**“No! No! No! I don’t like your ideas!” said Bruno.  
“I’m going to have a party of my own.”**

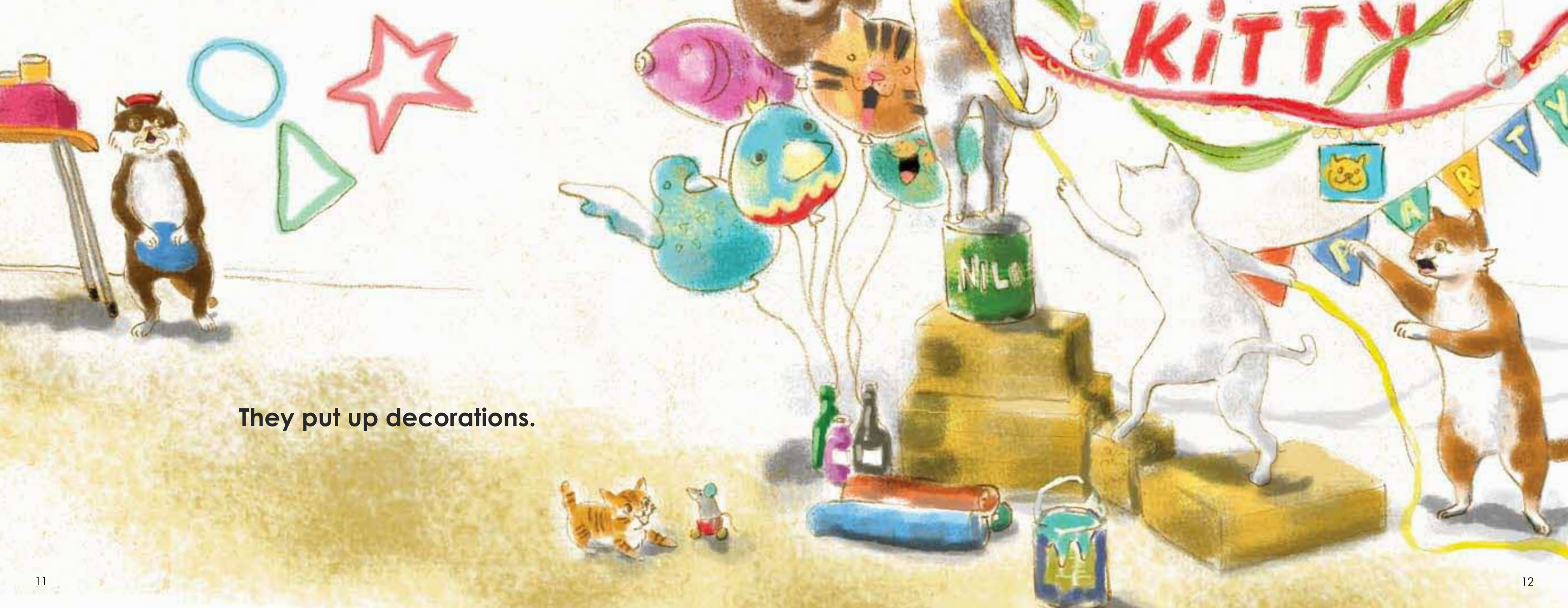




The next day, the cats started planning their parties.







They put up decorations.



**They brought food and games.**







**Kitty went to Bruno's party.**



Then she went to the other party.







**The cats saw Bruno all by himself.  
They felt sorry for him.**



**“Would you like to come to our party?”  
asked Patches.**



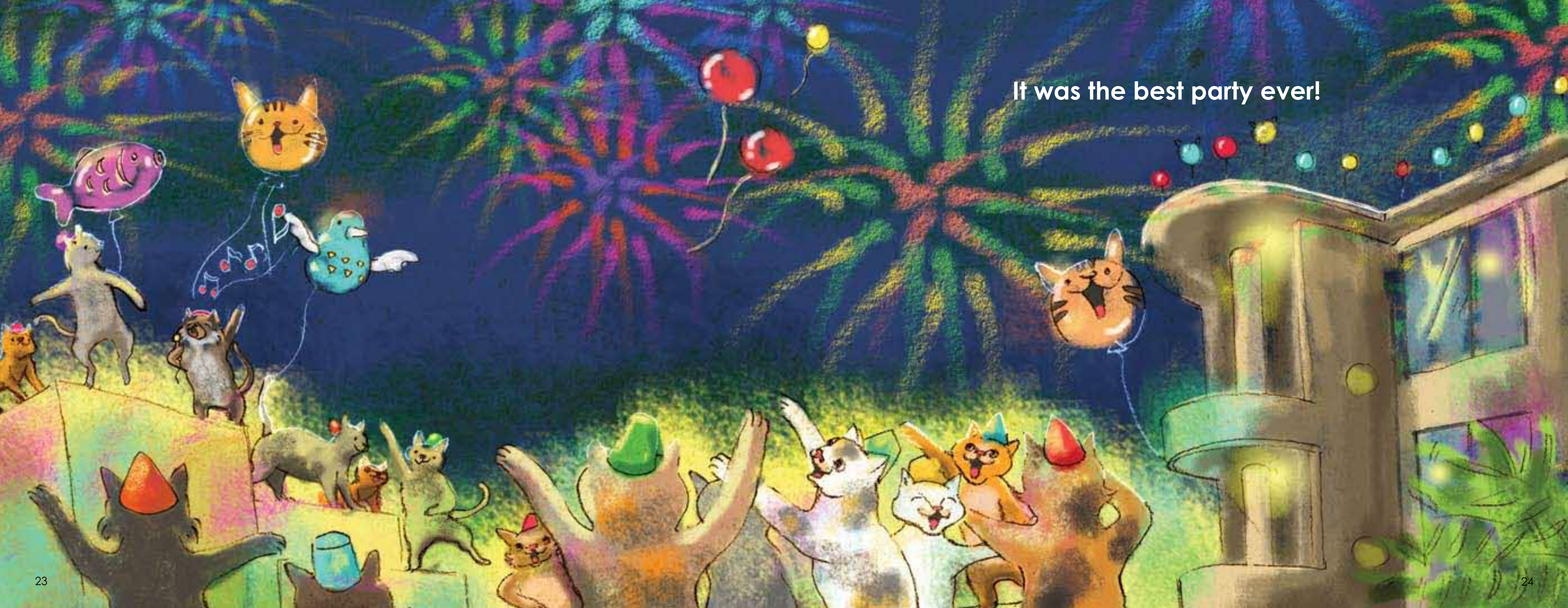


**Bruno felt bad for what he had said.  
“I’m sorry. Your ideas are wonderful!” said Bruno.**



**“I’m sure you have some great ideas too,” said Socks.  
“Yes,” said Bruno. “I will sing!”**





It was the best party ever!



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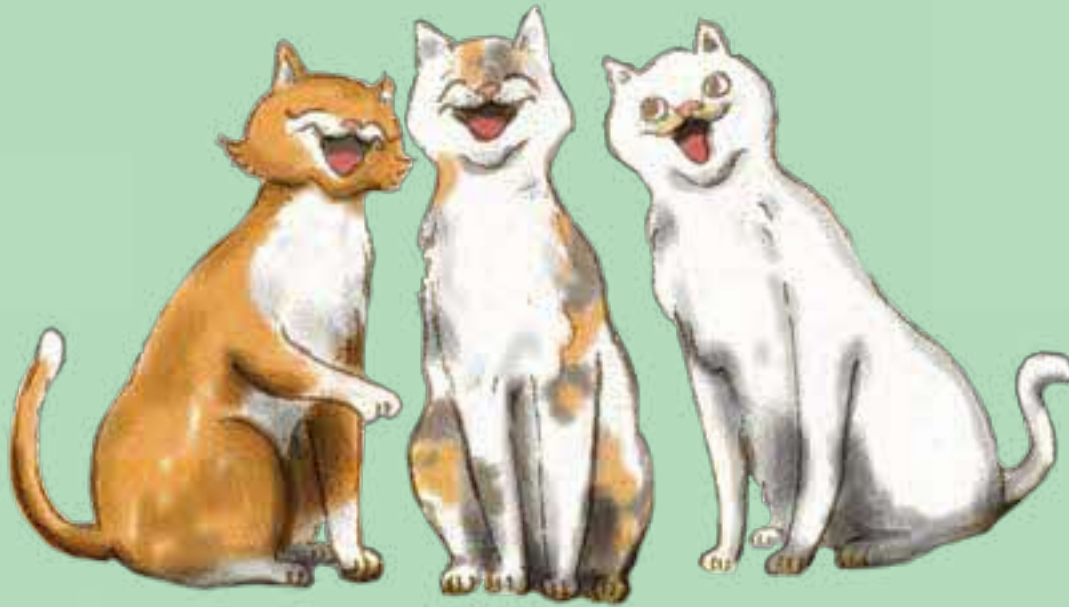
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**Bruno the cat doesn't like his friends' ideas.  
Will he learn how to work with others to throw the best party ever?**

